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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of cases of infectious diseases in Italy for the month of May, 1905, was as follows: Measles, 16,739; scarlatina, 954; smallpox, 599; enteric fever, 1,508; diphtheria, 1,271; puerperal fever, 192; pulmonary tuberculosis, 538; malarial diseases, 12,679; pellagra, 382; hydrophobia, 6; anthrax, 92, and glanders, 1.

Week ended August 17, 1905:

Smallpox.—There were reported 1 case at Messina, 1 case at Agira (Catania), 3 cases at Trasacco (Aquila), and 1 case in the Province of Novara.

Measles.—Epidemic at Colonna and Campagnano (Rome) and at Caresana (Novara).

Scarlatina.—Cases are reported in the Provinces of Girgenti and Catania.

Enteric fever.—Prevalent at Rome, at Milan, in several communes in the Province of Milan, and in the Province of Novara.

Anthrax.—Cases are reported in the Province of Aquila.

Cerebro-spinal meningitis.—Very few sporadic cases are reported.

Trachoma.—An epidemic is reported at Castelsaraceno (Potenza.)

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Dysentery in Japan.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, August 11, as follows:

During the week ended August 5, 1905, 8 vessels having an aggregate personnel of 689 crew and 402 passengers were inspected prior to the issuance of bills of health; 96 steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected, and 262 intending steerage emigrants to the United States were examined with reference to their freedom from any loathsome or any dangerous contagious disease barred under the United States immigration laws. One of the above-mentioned vessels was inspected at Yokosuka.

During the past week, at the request of captains or agents, 3 steamers scheduled to sail for New York, via Manila and other ports, have had their holds fumigated with sulphur dioxide, under the supervision of this office.

The plague situation in Tokyo seems quiescent and no new cases are reported since the date of my last letter.

As usual at this season reports of more or less extensive outbreaks of dysentery are received from various parts of the country. Reports of this disease received at the home department show the total number of cases of this disease occurring in Japan (excluding Formosa) from the beginning of 1905 to date to be 7,424, as compared with 4,501 for the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Siberia* recommended July 18, 1905, for rejection: For Honolulu, 12; for San Francisco, 2.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Kanagawa Maru* for Seattle recommended July 25, 1905, for rejection, 45.

Number of emigrants per steamship *China* recommended August 8, 1905, for rejection: For Honolulu, 5; for San Francisco, 3.